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To ALL Connecticut Legislators,

STOP Governor Malloy from bypassing the bipartisan legislative processes.

The recent call to action of Governor Dannel Malloy has me VERY troubled. His insistence on bypassing the bipartisan legislative process that he helped setup with the "Bipartisan Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety" shows that he has a personal agenda and is willing to push it forward by any means he can.

As an active voting concerned citizen of the State of Connecticut, I want all Legislators to require the Governor, and each other, to abide by the full legislative review process. I also want the full report of the "Task Force" as well as the Connecticut State Police and FBI investigation reports to be published BEFORE any new laws are passed.

It is ONLY through complete information about the event can we make informed decisions that are not clouded by the emotion of the event.

The Legislature in the State of New York bowed down to their Governor's agenda to pass new gun control laws that are now hampering their own police forces! No one can say that their knee jerk reactions are in any meaningful way making their state a safer place for anyone.

Additionally, take a look at the incident rate of gun violence in Chicago, a place that has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation. Again, it is not new gun control laws that would make them safer.

These issues are also much farther reaching than a type of firearm or the number of bullets someone can own. These issues deal with the rights of citizens and the freedoms that have been so painfully protected since they were drafted and codified in the United States Constitution. I urge you to reaffirm YOUR oath to "Protect and Defend the Constitution of the United States" and DON'T pass gun control legislation that would turn law abiding citizens upholding their 2nd amendment rights into criminals. By passing restrictive gun control legislation you would only serve to take away our rights, make it easier for violent criminals, and do no good toward the real issues behind the recent tragedies. Wait for the full reports so that we can all see the causes of the tragedy and move forward in a direction that will instill TRUE and LASTING Liberty and Justice for all.

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